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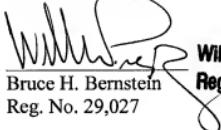
In response to the Official Action of October 27, 2006, although Applicant disagrees with the grounds of rejection regarding pending claims 1-15 and 17-34, including the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103, as well as the Examiner's response to Applicant's previously asserted arguments, Applicant hereby expressly abandons the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.138.

Applicant is not filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2006, by the inextensible due date of April 27, 2007, in order to avoid additional costs of prosecution, so this action should not be interpreted as acquiescing to the Examiner's rejections. It is noted that the abandonment resulting from a failure to reply to the Office Action is made without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter disclosed in the application, and is made without expressing any

agreement or acquiescence with the rejections of record. Further, the abandonment of this application, but not the invention therein, is without prejudice to parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/594,144, filed June 15, 2000 (now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,847,976).

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, or this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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